

THE BRITISH IN TOKAR.

ADVANCE OF GENERAL GRAHAM'S TROOPS.

A BATTLE WITH OSMAN DIGNA EXPECTED—THE MARCH FROM TEB.

SKAKIM, March 2.—The British entered Tokar at noon on Saturday. A few shots were exchanged with the enemy, when the four thousand rebels holding the town fled. Osman Digna is encamped eight miles distant from Skakim. A battle with him is expected when the British troops return to Tokar. All the reports concur in the steadiness with which the British moved on Teb. The square in which they were encamped on the 1st was never broken. The determination and bravery of the rebels were shown in the fact that when they were charged by the cavalry great numbers of them threw themselves upon their backs on the ground and appeared the horses of the troops as they dashed over them.

DISORGANIZED RETREAT OF THE REBELS.

The march to Tokar was accomplished in four hours from Teb. The hussars scoured the country and kept up desultory skirmishing with the enemy, who retired in disorganized masses in the direction of Tameieb. The Arabs lost 1,100 men dead on the field at Teb, besides guns and other munitions. Their whole camp, including 375 tents and many camels, was also taken. The condition of the camp showed that the Arabs had relied upon being victorious. General Graham will send part of the Tokar garrison to Trinitat, and will destroy the works of fortification. He will then march to Tameieb, where he will convoke the sheiks of the friendly tribes and those submitting to him to make arrangements to keep open the route between Skakim and Berber.

After the battle Baker Pacha and Admiral Hewitt returned to Trinitat. The soldiers and sailors stationed there heartily cheered Baker Pacha, who had been severely wounded but was unable to walk. Veterans who took part in the battle said that they never met a more resolutely fought man. Baker Pacha's wound is not serious. It is believed that Osman Digna's power has been broken. The garrison found at Tokar numbered seventy. The remainder had been killed. The bodies of Morice Bey, Surgeon Leslie and four other Europeans, who were killed in the fight between Teb and Tokar, were found in the field. Sir Evelyn Baring, in telegraphing the news of Friday's victory to General Gordon, the Arab language, in order that the news might spread among the tribes.

PLANS OF GENERAL GORDON.

CAIRO, March 2.—The Government, feeling convinced that General Gordon's mission will fail and his life be put in imminent peril, offered to Abd-el-Kader Pacha, Minister of War, under the sanction of Sir Evelyn Baring, the British Minister, the Governorship of Khartoum. Abd-el-Kader Pacha refuses to accept the offer, however, unless General Gordon assents. General Gordon has ordered Colonel Stewart, the commander of the expedition, to attack the White Nile and to attack the natives unless he is attacked by them, but to try to negotiate with Sheikh Bugurgas to go to Khartoum. If that check prevails he will proceed to Khartoum. The British Minister has expressed the opinion that the British Government will not support the expedition. The British Minister, Mr. G. A. Baring, the editor, who recently received the decoration of the Legion of Honor, has appeared to M. Barre, the French Minister, and has been denounced with energy by the French press.

IRISH MEETINGS IN LONDON WATCHED.

LONDON, March 2.—The London railway officials now insist upon the inspection of all baggage left at terminal stations. Meetings of Irish organizations in London and the provinces to-day were watched by Irish detectives. Nothing unusual was discovered.

EXPLOSION OF A BOX IN GERMANY.

BERLIN, March 2.—A box containing clock-work exploded in the train at Osnabruck. One official was severely wounded.

NO FRENCH COLLAGE AT BEYROUT.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 2.—The Porte has refused permission to the Marquis de Noailles, the French Ambassador, to establish at Beyrout a French college, on the ground that the establishment of such a college would interfere with the rights of the Government. The Marquis de Noailles has sent an indignant protest to the Sultan.

TURKEY AND THE UNITED STATES.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 2.—The Porte declines to accept Minister Wallace's view that the treaty with America was not denounced at the proper time. The Porte maintains the legality of the denunciation, thus making the treaty expire. The Government has, however, to let the existing tariff remain in force until the negotiations with the other powers are concluded. It grants to America in the new treaty the same advantages that are accorded other countries.

PRINCE VICTOR NAPOLEON'S TOUR.

PARIS, March 2.—Prince Napoleon has decided to postpone the American tour of his son, Prince Victor. He intends to send the young Prince to Roumania to serve in the Roumanian Army.

A LETTER FROM MR. BRADLAUGH.

LONDON, March 2.—Mr. Bradlaugh has sent a letter to Sir Stafford Northcote charging him with having violated the law in having had Mr. Bradlaugh excluded from the House of Commons. That act, Mr. Bradlaugh says, was mean and spiteful, and unworthy of an English gentleman.

OPPOSITION TO HENRY GEORGE.

LONDON, March 2.—The first declaration on the part of the Irish National League in opposition to Henry George's land scheme was made at a meeting at Cork on Sunday, at which the scheme was declared to be impracticable.

MR. MOODY'S MISSION IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, March 3.—Mr. Moody has completed his three weeks' mission at New-Cross. The work was successful.

POLITICS IN PERU.

LIMA (via Galveston), March 2.—In the Assembly yesterday General Yglesias took the oath of office as provisional president. The five members of the Cabinet have presented their resignations, and those of Benares Barrios, Minister of Justice, and Guila will be accepted.

ARRESTED FOR EMBEZZLEMENT.

A CHICAGO FACTORY'S GENERAL AGENT IN A BAD FIX.

ST. LOUIS, March 2.—D. W. Pratt, who up to about four weeks ago was general agent in this city of the McCormick Harvester Machine Company, of Chicago, was arrested here yesterday, charged with embezzling \$4,000 from the company. The arrest was the result of an investigation of his accounts by E. W. Chapman, special agent of the McCormick Company, and is the outgrowth of an embezzlement of \$7,000 from the same company by Hiram H. Post, book-keeper of Pratt, who attempted suicide by putting his throat several weeks ago. A written statement made by Post and submitted to the company gives a detailed description of Pratt's operations. It shows that he worked together, Pratt getting a share of the spoils. The company thinks that Pratt's embezzlement will greatly exceed the amount charged, but as some of his books have been destroyed or otherwise disposed of, the exact amount will probably never be known. Pratt was released on a \$2,000 bond, and his attorney does not think the prosecution will be successful. Pratt is a man of family. He formerly lived in Illinois, and afterwards in the State of Ind. He was at one time advance agent of a circus.

A PRIZE FIGHT NEAR OMAHA.

OMAHA, March 2.—Edward Miller, of this city, and O. H. Smith, of Chicago, met this morning on the river bank, six miles north of here, and fought a bare-knuckled

PAYNE'S PRESIDENTIAL ASPIRATIONS.

MR. BOOKWALTER EXPECTS TO SUCCEED HIM AS UNITED STATES SENATOR.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

CLEVELAND, March 2.—There is no longer any doubt that Henry B. Payne, a recent announcement that he was not a candidate for President is anything but a delusion and a snare. That a literary bureau, with offices in Cleveland, Cincinnati, Washington and New-York, in the interests of Payne, has been established, there is no denial; and absolute proof of this fact is at hand. The Payne movement is being pushed as vigorously as possible; and there is no question in the average Democratic mind in Cleveland that Mr. Payne will receive the nomination at the approaching Democratic Convention. His nomination is only part of a great political scheme formed in Ohio last year, one of the results of which was the election of Governor Hoadly. David C. Aldrich, of New-York, a principal ally of Payne, has already laid wires at Washington to a considerable extent. John W. Bookwalter heads all this talk about the Presidency carefully, with a hope of going into the United States Senate in case Senator Payne steps into the White House. His hopes are based upon a fact which entered into with prominent Democrats of this State.

A MYSTERIOUS EXPRESS ROBBERY.

FIFTY-THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS TAKEN FROM PACKAGES IN OHIO LAST MONTH.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, March 2.—Two packages of money, containing \$1,000 each, were shipped from Cleveland, February 7, by the United States Express Company to the Treasury Department at Washington. They arrived here, and were detained by the flood until the following Saturday, and were locked in the safe of the company for two days. They were then shipped eastward by way of Pittsburg. Upon opening them at Washington it was found that one package had been opened and cloth substituted for money. Five hundred dollars had been taken out of the other, and placed in a package labeled "Hank Ray, of Pittsburg," an expert detective, is in the city looking after the matter. He has examined the employees here, and has obtained information which, it is believed, will result in the robbery being explained within a short time. The money will all appear to the express company unless the money can be recovered.

A DISPUTE BETWEEN BALL CLUBS.

THE QUINCY ASSOCIATION CLAIMS HACKETT, MANAGER FOR CLEVELAND.

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CLEVELAND, March 2.—The management of the Cleveland Baseball Club for the coming season is under the clouds of a dispute. The double claim of the Quincy and Cleveland clubs upon C. M. Hackett, of Holyoke, as a manager is likely to result in an appeal to the Arbitration Committee. Mr. Hackett insists that he is in no wise bound to Quincy, and is free to say that if he can not go to Cleveland he will accept the terms of the Cincinnati Union rather than to go to Quincy. This, however, will have no influence on the dispute. To whichever club shows the best claim or the prior claim, Mr. Hackett will go. The Quincy club has the prior claim, as Hackett was in the Quincy club when it was organized. The Quincy club members claim that Hackett is in the Quincy club, and have begun active practice at the roller rink.

A REDUCTION IN WAGES OF MINERS.

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SCRANTON, Penn., March 2.—The announcement that a reduction of ten cents per car is to be made to-morrow in the wages of the miners employed in the Clark vein at the Continental and Sloan collieries at Delaware, Lackawanna and Erie Railroad Company, has created a great excitement in this city, and the action of the miners affected is awaited with interest. When the vein was opened an undulation was encountered, and in consideration of the extra labor imposed upon the miners the company allowed them an advance of ten cents a car. It is now that one car of coal is used for the same work as two cars of coal were formerly used. The reduction in wages is expected to be a great deal.

A "DRUMMER'S" AUDACIOUS ACT.

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WARREN, Ohio, March 2.—There seems to be no limit to the "cheek" of the audacious "drummer." Last evening a handsome young woman was standing in the door of the Hotel Hamilton. As the train arrived at the station a very little man, named, by the name, from Chicago, stepped from a car and, springing by name, remarked to his companion that she was a beauty. The companion made a wager that the salesman dare not kiss the maiden. Just as the train started, the young man stepped from the car, and, holding the girl by the neck above the din of the crowd, and before the girl had a chance to turn the other cheek he had boarded the moving train and was waving his handkerchief to the astonished crowd.

PAYING OFF A BIG CHURCH DEBT.

FIFTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS RAISED IN LESS THAN AN HOUR.

BOSTON, March 2.—At the first Baptist Church on Columbia street, the pastor, Rev. J. B. C. Church, announced that he would call the regular service, there was a more important duty to be attended to. He then called Deacon Linsley Mills to the platform. Mr. Mills said there was a debt of \$55,000 resting upon the church, and it was his greatest desire that it should be wiped out. Years ago he had resolved to set aside a sum of money to purchase a farm to which he could retire in his old age, but he would now give toward canceling the debt of the church. He then called for further gifts, and in less than an hour the entire \$55,000 was raised. The church members and the congregation were dismissed with the benediction. The amount of Mr. Mills's gift has not been made public.

POOR WORK FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

THE NEW FEDERAL BUILDING IN CHICAGO FULL OF DEFECTS.

CHICAGO, March 2.—Colonel G. A. C. Smith, who has been here some days examining into the construction of the Government building, has forwarded his report to Washington. He finds that the roof of the building room consists of glass supported by iron stringers, and that on account of settling, one of these pieces of iron recently broke and fell to the floor. He does not hesitate to say that the building is in a bad condition. While he does not apprehend danger of the building falling, he intimates that pieces of the iron and stone material may become detached. The foundation, he says, was not properly laid, and the settling at one end raises the opposite end of the building. He says the tile floor is poorly laid, with an inferior quality of cement, and that the building needs a complete overhauling.

A GIRL FATALLY ASSAULTED.

ST. LOUIS, March 2.—Mollie Kaiser, employed in the Palace Hotel at Ashley, Ill., was assaulted last Friday evening near the depot of that place by Edward Roach, who knocked her down an embankment from the company. She received injuries from which she died Saturday morning. Roach escaped, but a posse is searching for him.

KILLED IN A BAR-ROOM AFFRAY.

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 2.—John Campbell, a native of Leeds, Scotland, a stone-cutter, was killed here this morning in a bar-room fight between two policemen, O'Connor and Gormley, and three stone cutters. So far the evidence points strongly toward O'Connor and Gormley as the murderers.

ASSASSINATION IN PENNSYLVANIA.

HAZLETON, Penn., March 2.—Early last evening, while the streets were thronged with people, a tragedy occurred. William Nichols, an about twenty-eight, was standing near the entrance to Squire Shutter's office, when he was approached by Edwin Brothman, an Englishman, with whom Nichols has recently been boarding at the house of Mrs. Williams in East Chestnut

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Assemblyman S. S. Hawkins, chairman of the Suffolk County Committee, states that the committee will meet on March 17 to take steps for holding a district convention in the Congressional District. There promises to be a lively contest in the Saratoga Congressional District between George West and John H. Starrin for the nomination of the delegates. Both are ex-Congressmen and have therefore a large political influence and both are men of large wealth. If Mr. Starrin succeeds Arthur delegates will be named. If Mr. West succeeds, the delegates will be named. The President but pledged to any candidate will be named. Senator Arkel, the boundaries of whose Senatorial District are the same as the Congressional District, is believed to be opposed to Mr. Starrin's nomination and it is thought will aid Mr. West in the Congressional District composed of Clinton, Franklin, Essex and Warren Counties. There were some like-minded delegates who will be elected. It borders largely on Vermont and consequently is affected by the talk in Vermont for Edmunds.

CANDIDATES NOT CONSULTED.

"THE FREE DISPATCH" DENIES A RECENT STATEMENT ABOUT ITS PRESIDENTIAL CANVASS.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

ERIE, Penn., March 2.—The charge has appeared in *The Cleveland Herald*, *Pittsburg Commercial Gazette* and other papers, in the shape of a dispatch from New-York, that the recent statement of Presidential preferences sent out from this city was prepared by, or with the knowledge of, Mr. Roswell P. Flower. The *Free Dispatch* denies the statement to be without foundation. The canvass was made in the interests of that newspaper, and with the knowledge of no Presidential candidate. The *Free Dispatch* does not know that Mr. Flower is really a candidate. The originals of the letters from the people are here, and can be seen by any one.

A CITY TREASURER IN CUSTODY.

Francis J. Smith, city treasurer of Bayonne, was taken into custody at midnight yesterday on a charge of embezzlement made by Connelman James, Farr and Stearns. Smith's accounts are being examined, and an apparent shortage of nearly \$40,000 has been discovered. He declined to make any explanation, and the Finance Committee of the Council decided to proceed against him criminally. Smith has not been locked up, but is in the custody of an officer at his home. He expects to be released on bail to-day, when he will be taken before Justice Davis.

CHARGED WITH ABDUCTING A GIRL.

Mrs. Augusta Riley, a colored woman, living in Newport, R. I., called upon Superintendent Walling at Police Headquarters yesterday and reported the alleged abduction of her step-daughter, Effie Wilson, a mulatto girl, from her home. Mrs. Riley presented a letter from the girl's mother, stating that she was in New-York, and that she was in the custody of an officer at his home. He expects to be released on bail to-day, when he will be taken before Justice Davis.

THE OVERDUE STEAMSHIP.

The Cunard steamship *Servia*, which sailed from Queenstown on February 17, and was sighted at sea, was not arrived, although she was expected to arrive at New-York on Tuesday. The *Servia* was five days out from Queenstown, and 535 miles from Fastnet. Assistance was offered and declined, and, judging from the distance she was then from Queenstown, it was calculated that she had been under repairs for at least three days. The steamship *Republic* sighted the *Servia* on Tuesday afternoon and was then under full speed with her engines, heading for New-York. The *Catonia*, of the same line, which was due on Friday, has not yet arrived. It is believed that she was picked up by the *Servia* and is bringing her to New-York on to-day.

THE TELEGRAPH TROUBLES.

At the Western Union Telegraph office yesterday nothing could be learned regarding the reported serious strike of operators in the Southern division of the company. All that was known was that there were reports of a misunderstanding at the Galveston office between the manager and the operators, and that a division of the wires to the South had occurred and the trouble is regarded as a local one which will be easily settled.

ROBERT COLLYER IN BROOKLYN.

The Rev. Robert Collyer delivered his lecture on Lucretia Mott in the Second Presbyterian Church, at Clinton and Congress streets,